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Family-Prayers

FOR

Every DAY

IN THE

WEEK.

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Texts of Holy Scripture to be read Standing before Prayers.

WIthout Faith it is impoſſible to pleaſe God: For he that cometh to God muſt believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently ſeek Him, Heb. 11. 6.

In every thing by Prayer and Supplication, with Thanksgiving, let your requeſts be made known to God, Phil. 4. 6.

Let us have Grace whereby we may ſerve God acceptably, with Reverence and Godly Fear, Heb. 12. 28.

God is a Spirit, and they that Worſhip him muſt Worſhip him in Spirit, and in Truth, John 4. 24.

Be not raſh with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be haſty to utter any thing before God; For God is in Heaven and thou upon Earth, therefore let thy words be few, Eccleſ. 5. 2.

Jesus Christ continueth for ever, having obtain'd an unchangeable Priesthood; Wherefore he is able to Save them to the Uttermost that come to God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make Intercession for them, Heb. 7. 24, 25.

We have not a High Priest that cannot be touched with a feeling of our Infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin: Let us therefore come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain Mercy, and find Grace to Help in time of Need, Heb. 4. 15, 16.

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For Sunday.

EVer Bleſſed and moſt Gracious God! Thou art an abundant Fountain of Goodneſs, freely flowing forth, without any diminution of thy Self for ever, to the making thy Creatures Happy. Thou haſt contriv'd, and deſign'd the Nature of Man for the high and excellent Happineſs of enjoying and delighting in thy Self: And made us capable to know and contemplate, and praiſe, and love thee, and to partake of thy glorious likeneſs, and rejoice in thy Love. This O Lord, we muſt acknowledge is our only true Felicity, and

we labour for that which will not profit when we purſue any thing elſe and neglect thee, and we loſe our ſelves if we do not find and enjoy thee. But alas, we poor guilty and deluded Creatures, have by our ſins forfeited and loſt this happineſs, and are to that degree eſtranged from it, that we know not wherein our true happineſs lies, we have no deſires after it, nor do concern our ſelves to recover it again. We are unhappily and guiltily diſpoſed to forſake and neglect thee, and to ſpend all our Thoughts, Affections and Purſuits after the vain and empty goods of this World: To love and ſeek the Creature, more than the Creatour: the poor periſhing Streams, rather than the Rich Eternal Fountain of Good. In this folly we muſt have periſht for ever, if thy Tender Compaſſion had not been concern'd for us: And thou, O Lord, haſt ſought us while we have neglected thee, thou revealeſt and offereſt thy ſelf to us while we forget and forſake thee. We thank thee O Father of Lights, for the Divine Light of thy Holy Word, which has made known to us our true Happineſs, and the way of Salvation; by which we may know Thee, and Jeſus Chriſt whom thou haſt ſent, whom to know is Life Eternal:

nal: Which is fit to inlighten our dark Minds, and to rectifie our perverſe Wills and Inclinations, and to make us Wiſe unto Salvation: Bleſſed be thy Infinite Mercy and Goodneſs that thou haſt cauſed the Holy Scriptures to be written for our Learning, that through them we may embrace and ever hold faſt the Bleſſed Hope of Everlaſting Life, which thou haſt given us in thy Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. We thank thee O Lord, for thy Holy Sacraments, the pledges of thy Love, the bleſſed Conveyances of all Grace, and the Inſtruments to Unite us to Jeſus Chriſt, the great Redeemer and Saviour, and ſo to make us partakers of the Merits of his moſt Holy Life, and of the Atonement and Propitiation for Sin which he has made in the Sacrifice of his Death; that ſo our unworthineſs of all favour from thee may be forgiven, and we may obtain a right and title to the true and Everlaſting Happineſs. O let thy good Spirit prevent us with the good motions of his Grace; and poſſeſs us with a due value and eſteem for theſe helps and means of Grace and Salvation. Quicken and aſſiſt us we pray thee, diligently and rightly to uſe them. O make us to Hunger and Thirſt after Righteouſneſs, that we may be

filled therewith: To ſeek firſt the Kingdom of God and the Righteouſneſs thereof. Grant us always to hear meekly thy Word, to receive it with pure Affection, to treaſure it up in our Hearts, and entertain our ſelves with the frequent Meditations on it, that ſo it may be our conſtant Guide and Counſellour, and lead us in the way to Happineſs. Give us we pray Thee, a due fitneſs for thy Holy Sacraments; In a lively Faith in Jeſus Chriſt, and Hope in thy Mercy through Him. Give us a hearty and unfeigned Sorrow and Repentance for all our paſt Sins, with earneſt deſires and firm reſolutions to forſake them for the future. and to devote our ſelves to walk before Thee in Holineſs and Righteouſneſs all our days: Andgive us, what thou doſt alſo require in us to find favour with thee, an unfeigned good-will and Charity towards all Men. That ſo with thy Sacraments we may receive the full remiſſion of our Sins, a ſenſe of thy Favour, and Love to us, and the firm aſſured hopes of Everlaſting Life. O merciful God! While we diligently ſeek thee in the way thou haſt appointed, let us, tho unworthy, find thee through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt; do thou draw nigh to us when we draw nigh unto thee, and be among us when we

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Aſſemble to thy Worſhip. Let thine Ordinances afford us the happy pleaſure of Communion with thee, ſo let us acquaint our ſelves again with thee that we may be at Peace; that our Souls may be for ever fixed, and at reſt on Thee our chiefeſt good, and may never be fond of any thing elſe, never wander after other goods; but love thee alone with all our Heart, and Soul, and Mind, and Strength. Let thine Ordinances by thy bleſſing, afford us an abundance of inward and ſpiritual Strength, to run the way of thy Commandments with Patience and Steadineſs in the Courſe of our Lives: That we may come at laſt to enjoy an Eternal Sabbath of Reſt and Pleaſure in Everlaſting Communion with thee, through the Merits and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt; To whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all Honour and Glory World without End. *Amen.*

For Monday.

O Lord, the Infinite Incomprehenſible God! Thou art exceeding great, and thy Greatneſs is Unſearchable, and thy Majeſty

jeſty and Glory ſuch as no mortal Eye can approach and live. In Thee does all fullneſs, and the Perfection of every Excellency dwell. O Glorious Being! There is none beſides thee like unto thee: Thou art the only true and living God! Infinite, and without meaſure in all thy Excellency and Glory! Thou art Infinite in Being, Wiſdom, Power, Holineſs, Juſtice, Goodneſs and Truth. The higheſt Angels humble and abaſe themſelves before Thee; and all the Nations of the Earth are as nothing in compariſon to thee. We admire, we adore, we praiſe Thee who art exalted above all Bleſſing and Praiſe. We owe, and we offer and devote, to thy Infinite Love and Goodneſs, the beſt of our Love: To thy Truth and Faithfulneſs all our Confidence and Truſt. To thy Greatneſs and Power we owe, and will endeavour at all times to pay a profound Reverence and Godly Fear. It is our indiſpenſable Duty that we render thee the Homage of Worſhip: And this we come to offer at preſent; To praiſe the glorious Excellency of thy Nature, and to magnifie thy wonderful Works: To thank thee for all thy abundant mercy and goodneſs to us poor Creatures, who in thee do live, move, and have our Being: And to make our hum-

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ble Supplications unto thee, who art a God hearing Prayer, for the ſupply of all our Wants. But alas, what are we poor Duſt and Aſhes, that we ſhould take upon us to approach, and ſpeak to the great Lord of Heaven and Earth. Lord, what is Man that thou ſhouldſt be mindful of him, or the Son of Man that thou ſhouldſt viſit him. Thou haſt no need of the Homage and Worſhip which we offer, nor any Advantage from us, who art Infinitely and Eternally ſufficient in thy ſelf to thine own Happineſs. Thou haſt commanded us to ſeek thy Face for our own ſakes, and that we may be partakers of thy Goodneſs, for thou Lord waiteſt to be Gracious. In Obedience to thy Commands we preſent our ſelves before thee, but with all Lowlineſs and Humility, and Reverence, as infinitely below thee; For thou Lord art in Heaven, and we are on Earth as at thy Footſtool: Thou haſt all Excellency in thy ſelf, not deriv'd from any other; and we are mean and poor, of little worth, and have derived, and are beholden to thee for all that we are. But eſpecially O Lord, muſt we humble and abaſe our ſelves before thee, in conſideration of our manifold Sins and Wickedneſs. It becomes us to be vile in our own Eyes, who

who have deſerved to be ſo in thine. We ought to have ſet thee always before our Eyes, that we might have liv'd under the Influence of thy Fear, and have been withheld from ſinning againſt thee; but alas, we have put thee out of our Thoughts, and liv'd careleſs of pleaſing thee, though thou art always nigh to every one of us, and haſt been daily mindful of us, to do us good. We have diſpleaſed thy Goodneſs with our Malice and Envy; thy Truth and Faithfulneſs with our falſhood and diſſimulations, thy Juſtice with our unrighteouſneſs, thy Holineſs and Purity with our ſenſual abominations, and impurities. We have affronted thy Soveraignty and Greatneſs in our Rebellions againſt thee, and Contempt of thy Laws and Threatnings. O Lord we have deſerv'd the utmoſt Terrours of thy Infinite and Eternal Wrath. Oh give us broken and contrite Hearts; Give us an unfeigned Repentance of all our Sins, and deal not with us, we pray thee, as they deſerve. According to the multitude of thy tender Compaſſions blot out all our Tranſgreſſions. And turn thou us, O good Lord, to our Duty, ſo ſhall we be turned. Create in us a clean Heart, and renew in us a right Spirit. Give us an Heart to love and

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fear thee, and diligently to live after thy Commandments. Whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, diſpoſe us to do all to thy Glory. Grant us the Grace to ſhew forth thy Praiſe, not only with our Lips but in our Lives alſo, by giving up our ſelves conſtantly to thy Service, and by walking before thee in Holineſs and Righteouſneſs all our Days. So let us grow up by degrees to ſuch Holineſs and Purity, as that we may upon our removal hence be admitted to dwell in thy Preſence, and to Praiſe, and Enjoy thee for ever. All which we humbly ask in the Name of Jeſus Chriſt, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory World without End. *Amen.*

For Tueſday.

O Eternal, Almighty God! Creatour of all things both viſible and inviſible. By thy powerful Word thou haſt made the Heavens, and the Heaven of Heavens, with all their Hoſt, the Earth and all therein, the Seas and all that is in them. And thou who art the ſame yeſterday, to day and for ever,

ever, doſt uphold and preſerve the Works which thou haſt made. By thy good Providence the World is continued as it is to this day; and we have Summer, and Winter, Seed-time and Harveſt. Thou crowneſt the year with thy Goodneſs, thy Clouds drop Fatneſs upon the Earth; Thou openeſt thy bountiful Hand, and filleſt all things living with plentiful proviſion. Thou, O moſt mighty Lord, giveſt all power and ſufficiency to every Creature, thou workeſt all in all, and doſt diſpoſe and govern all things according to thy Will. All thy Works are done in Wiſdom and Equity; all thy Works Praiſe thee, and there is none O Lord, that can do as thou doſt. We acknowledge it is Thou that haſt made us, and not we our ſelves, We are thy People and the Sheep of thy Paſture: From thy free Bounty we derive our Life, and Breath, and all things: Thou holdeſt our Soul in Life. And as all things are of thee and through thee, and therefore to thee, thou haſt juſtly deſign'd all for thine own Glory; ſo we are bound to acknowledge thee in all our ways, to ſerve thee with our Souls and Bodies which are thine. We cannot therefore ſufficiently admire and praiſe thy wonderful Patience and Long-ſuffering towards us, who have liv'd

liv'd in ſo much neglect, and contempt of Thee, and yet have all the while been partakers of thy Goodneſs: Thou haſt nouriſhed and brought up Children, and they have rebelled againſt thee. We have affronted thy Sovereign Right, and juſt Authority over us, have caſt thy Laws behind our Backs, and follow'd our own Wills, Luſts, and Humours. We have been ungrateful to our great Benefactor and Friend, and yet thou ſpareſt us. Thou cauſeſt thy Sun to Shine, and thy Rain to fall on the Juſt, and on the Unjuſt, and art good to the Unthankful and Evil. O Lord, let thy yet unwearied Goodneſs and Patience effectually lead us to Repentance for all our undue Behaviour towards thee: That we may be qualified as is fitting to receive the Pardon of our Sins. And forgive, we moſt humbly beſeech thee, our paſt Wickedneſs, and grant us the Grace to forſake it for the future. Vouchſafe to ſanctifie, direct and govern both our Hearts and Bodies in the ways of thy Laws, and in the works of thy Commandments. Make us to employ our Underſtanding in the Knowledge and Contemplation of thy Greatneſs and Goodneſs, and let them be poſſeſt with a high and juſt eſteem of thee: Let our Wills chuſe and

fix on thee who art our chiefeſt good: Our Affections Love, Fear, Reverence, Hope and Delight in Thee: Open thou our Lips, and make our Mouths to ſhew forth thy Praiſe. And let all the Actions of our Lives duly Imitate and Honour thee. Give us at all times ſo lively a ſenſe of our continual dependance upon, and our great Obligations to Thee, as may make us careful to ſerve and pleaſe thee in all our Ways: So let us and all that belongs to us, be under the ſpecial Care of thy good providence, and be thou O Lord our Refuge and Portion in the Land of the living. We humbly pray that thy good Spirit may excite and inable us to ſerve thee diligently and faithfully in that State of Life to which thou calleſt us; and let thy good Providence give us ſuch outward helps and advantages as may mightily conduce towards this. We deſire with thy leave, to have neither Poverty nor Riches aſſign'd us, but what thou ſeeſt moſt expedient: And give us the Grace to be always reſign'd to thy diſpoſal, and contented with the portion which thou giveſt Diſpoſe of our condition in the World as pleaſeth thee, but deal with us, we humbly pray, according to thy Mercy, and always diſpoſe of us ſo as may be to the Advantage

of our Piety and Virtue, ſo as to promote the Exerciſe and Improvement of them, and our Perſeverance in well-doing to the End of our Lives. Let no Temptation befall us but ſuch as is common to Men, and give us Inward and Spiritual Strength againſt all, that we may be deliver'd from Evil. Help us to lay aſide all anxious Cares, to have our Converſation without Covetouſneſs, to forſake all evil ways of providing for our ſelves, and always to put our whole Truſt and Confidence in thee. Sanctifie to us all thy Diſpenſations, and let them all work together for our good. Guide and conduct us by thy Counſel through all the Circumſtances of our Life on Earth, and after all, receive us to thy Glory; for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt thy Son our Lord: To whom with the Father and the Holy Ghoſt, we aſcribe all Honour and Glory, and Dominion, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For Wedneſday.

O Moſt Holy God! Who loveſt Righteouſneſs and Holineſs, and art of purer Eyes than to behold Iniquity! All the

ways of wickedneſs are juſtly an abomination to Thee. We muſt therefore acknowledge O Lord, that Sin is not a thing of thy making. We are indeed wretchedly polluted and diſparag'd therewith, but this is due to our own fooliſh and perverſe will. Thou didſt make Man upright and very good, as all the reſt of thy Works were; But we have defil'd our ſelves with our own Inventions. Our firſt Parents ſinned againſt thee, and have brought all their poſterity under the guilt and pollution of Sin. And we are now conceiv'd in Sin and brought forth in Iniquity: We go aſtray from the Womb, there is none of us that underſtandeth, that ſeeketh after God, all are gone out of the way, all are become abominable, becauſe there is none that doth Good; We wretched Creatures are by Nature Children of Wrath, and do deſerve the utmoſt expreſſions of thy diſpleaſure to fall upon us. Juſt are all thy Judgments therefore whereby thou haſt teſtified thy diſpleaſure againſt the Sins of Men. Moſt righteouſly haſt thou curſed this World for our ſakes, and Impair'd the goodneſs of things; So that we are now liable to Innumerable Calamities, and to be Afflicted even by thoſe things which were deſign'd to be ſubject, and uſeful, and comfortable

fortable to us. Juſtly haſt thou condemn'd us who were raiſed by thee from the duſt to return to it again. And we deſerve by our wickedneſs which is ſo odious to thee, to be for ever baniſht from thy bliſsful preſence, to endure the ſecond, and eternal Death, in ſuffering the Miſery and Puniſhment of the fallen Angels, whom we have followed, and imitated in ſinning againſt thee. Oh we are vile Earth and miſerable ſinners! we acknowledge and bewail the Corruption of our Nature, and our manifold tranſgreſſions againſt thee: Lord have mercy upon us, and enter not into Judgment with thy Servants, for in thy ſight ſhall no man living be juſtified. Spare us good Lord, Spare thy people whom thy Son has redeemed with his moſt precious Blood: Reſtore them that are penitent to thy Favour, according to thy promiſes declared unto Mankind in Chriſt Jeſu our Lord. Behold O Lord, we return unto thee and devote our ſelves to thy Service; accept us graciouſly we beſeech thee, forgiving our Sins, and cleanſe us from all Unrighteouſneſs. Let us be created again in Chriſt Jeſus unto Good works, and renew'd after the Image of him that Created us in Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs. Thy Hands have made and faſhioned

us, Oh give us Understanding that we may keep thy precepts. We will run the way of thy Commandments when thou hast set our hearts at liberty. Reconcile our perverse, and foolish Judgment and Will to thy most excellent Law which is in all things Holy, and Just, and Good. That it may be our Meditation day and night; That we may delight in the Law of God in our inward Man, and run the way of thy Commandments with all steadiness and perseverance, Order our Steps in thy word and let no Iniquity have dominion over us. Teach us we pray thee to bear with Patience and Resignation all the Afflictions and Calamities which we meet with in this Life, as sensible that we have pull'd them upon our Selves by our own Sins, and have deserv'd far worse things than these at thy Hands: Sanctifie them all to the serving our Spiritual advantage, let them make us humble and circumspect, and temperate, heavenly minded, and courteous, and charitable: Let the fruit of them be to take away our sins and to make us partakers of thy Holiness; that so they may have a happy Issue and Conclusion at furthest in the rest and peace, and joy of thy presence in Heaven. Teach us to use this World as not abusing it, in Godliness,

lineſs, Righteouſneſs, and Sobriety. Excite us to give all diligence to make our Calling and Election ſure; to work out our own Salvation with fear and trembling; and to ſtrive to enter in at the ſtrait Gate that leads to Life: that ſo we may at laſt recover and attain the Everlaſting Kingdom which from the Foundation of the World thou haſt prepar'd for thoſe that love thee: Through the Merits and Mediation of JeſusChriſt, thy Son, our Beſſed Lord and Saviour; for whom we give thee moſt hearty thanks, as for our only and our Comfortable hope in this wretched State of Sin and Miſery: to whom with the Father, and the Holy-Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For Thurſday.

O Moſt bleſſed God! the ſupream and merciful Governour of the World. We adore and praiſe, as we have abundant reaſon to do, the moſt gracious and favourable exerciſes of thy ſovereignty and dominion in the Government of Mankind. Thou Lord art ſlow to Anger and of great Mercy, and delighteſt not in the Death of a Sinner, but had rather that he ſhould turn from his wickedneſs and Live. We were all obnoxious to thy Eternal Wrath by our ſins, and found favour

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ondesends to accept, from us, a sincere nd unfeigned respect to all thy Commands, sorrow for our defects and failings, a constant endeavour to do well, and a good measure of Obedience, tho' it be but Imperfect. Oh how Infinitely are we oblig'd o thy Condescending Goodness for thus restoring us to the hopes, and a Capacity, of Happiness by Jesus Christ; who had lost and undone our selves, and had deserv'd that thou houldst abandon us to remediless destruction. How much are we oblig'd to comply with the gracious and favourable terms of Salvation which thou hast now establish'd? We thank thee O Father of Mercies, for that thou hast so loved the World as to give thy only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting Life: whom thou hast set forth to be a propitiation through Faith in his Blood. We believe O Lord the necessity, and Sufficiency of the Sacrifice of his Death: that He died for our Sins and rose again for our Justification: And we lay all our hopes of favour and mercy with thee upon his Meritorious Life and Death. We believe that as in *Adam* all died, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Lord we pray thee, who art the giver of this Faith, to confirm

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ondeſends to accept, from us, a ſincere nd unfeigned reſpect to all thy Commands, ſorrow for our defects and failings, a conant endeavour to do well, and a good neaſure of Obedience, tho' it be but Imerfect. Oh how Infinitely are we oblig'd o thy Condeſcending Goodneſs for thus reoring us to the hopes, and a Capacity, of Happineſs by Jeſus Chriſt; who had loſt and ndone our ſelves, and had deſerv'd that thou houldſt abandon us to remedileſs deſtructin. How much are we oblig'd to comply with the gracious and favourable terms of Salvation which thou haſt now eſtabliſh'd? We thank thee O Father of Mercies, for that thou haſt ſo loved the World as to give thy only begotten Son, that whoſoever believes in him ſhould not periſh but have everlaſting Life: whom thou haſt ſet forth to be a propitiation through Faith in his Blood. We believe O Lord the neceſſity, and Sufficiency of the Sacrifice of his Death: that He died for our Sins and roſe again for our Juſtification: And we lay all our hopes of favour and mercy with thee upon his Meritorious Life and Death. We believe that as in *Adam* all died, even ſo in Chriſt ſhall all be made alive. Lord we pray thee, who art the giver of this Faith, to confirm

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atred in our Hearts; to do good and communicate, for with ſuch Sacrifices God is well pleaſed. Make us to ſeek the welfare of others, and to be uſeful as we can to the World in that State and Condition of Life to which it hath pleaſed thee to call us. Give us ſuch purity and ſincerity of Charity and Love that we may never covet or deſire other Mens goods. Let our Converſation be as becomes the Goſpel, and ſuch as to adorn the Doctrine of God our Saviour in all things: ſhewing forth the Vertues of him that has called us to his Kingdom and Glory: to which we pray thee, conduct us by thy good Spirit for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, ever one God world without End. *Amen.*

For Fryday.

ALmighty, and moſt merciful God! who art excellent and Incomprehenſible in thy Nature and wonderful in all thy Works: thy works O Lord are like thy ſelf, and thy ways paſt our finding out. But thou haſt chiefly magnified thy ſelf, and ſhown forth thy

thy Glory, in the Wonderful Redempt
of Mankind by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. T
was the glorious contrivance of thy Infin
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Sin made thy Everlaſting diſpleaſure due
us, and lay under thy juſt Sentence, an
Condemnation to Everlaſting Puniſhmen
There was no help for us in Heaven o
Earth, and the work muſt needs have bee
too great for any meer creature to redeem
and deliver us from Infinite Wrath an
Diſpleaſure. But in this deplorable caſe w
were beholden to thee, Oh Bleſſed Son o
God, who in thy Infinite Compaſſion didſt
intercede for us; and by offering thy Self t
bear the Puniſhment of our ſins, didſt ob
tain that they might be pardon'd to us, and
we might be receiv'd into favour with God
the Father, who is the only Fountain of our
Being and Happineſs. How great O Jeſu,
was thy Love which condeſcended ſo far for
our Sakes; As that being in the form of
God, and the expreſs Image of his Incom-

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prehenſible Glory, thou didſt abaſe thy Self to the form of a Servant in taking our mean Nature unto thee: And yet further didſt become Obedient unto Death, even the accurſed death of the Croſs to redeem and ſave us from Eternal Death. Thou waſt by thine own free offer made a Curſe, and Sin for us, who kneweſt no Sin, that we might be bleſt, and obtain Righteouſneſs and Life. Oh Jeſus, we celebrate and praiſe thy Incomparable Love, we will remember thy Love more than Wine: Dearer ſhall it be to us always, as it has been more advantageous, than all the beſt, and moſt pleaſant things of this World. And we thank thee, we Laud, we Magnifie thee O Heavenly Father, the great Judge and Gouernour of the Word, for thy gracious Condeſcenſion to our hopeleſs miſery, in appointing and allowing this Way of our Salvation. God ſo lov'd the World that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoſoever believeth in him ſhould not periſh but have everlaſting Life. We adore thee alſo, O moſt bleſſed and holy Spirit of God, who art ready to make us partakers of this great Redemption and Salvation. O what reaſon have we to ſay, Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt, for

ſo great Favour to loſt, undone Mankind! O holy God, we will derive from hence an utter hatred of all Wickedneſs, and the moſt hearty deſires, and firm reſolutions to depart from all. Oh we cannot endure to think of Entertaining and Cheriſhing any more that which has crucified our Saviour and Friend, and which has coſt him his moſt precious Blood and Life. We heartily wiſh the Death and Deſtruction of all our ſins: that we may die unto Sin and live unto Righteouſneſs. Oh bleſſed Spirit of God, we beſeech thee inable us to Crucifie the Fleſh with the Affections, and Luſts thereof: to exerciſe ſuch ſelf-denials and abſtinences, and ſuch government of our ſenſual Deſires and Appetites, that our Fleſh being ſubdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy good, and holy motions. So let us mortifie the deeds of the Body that we may live. Teach us effectually to deny all Ungodlineſs and Worldly Luſts, and to live Soberly, Righteouſly and Godly in this preſent World. Let us always live to him that died for us, never decline to ſuffer for his ſake who has ſuffered for us, nor to perform the moſt laborious and difficult task of ſervice to him who has done ſo much for us. And Purge and Cleanſe we pray thee

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all our Imperfect Services with his Blood, that they may find favour and Acceptance with God, and obtain for us the happy reward of Eternal Life, through the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ: To whom with the Father, and the Holy Spirit be all Honour, and Glory, thanks and praise, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For Saturday.

O Lord, thou art the Everliving God, and the Sole Fountain of Life; Thou art a Spirit, and the Father of Spirits. Thou hast form'd a noble, Immortal Spirit in Man, and didst at first design him for an everlasting Life and Happiness in the Enjoyment of thy self. He was endow'd with excellencies which it was a pleasure to him to observe in himself; He was the Object of thy Delight and Love, and with Incomparable pleasure could entertain himself in Contemplations on thy Infinite Greatness, and thy abundant Love and Goodness to him. He might have been contented and satisfied with the Happiness he possest. But alas, thy Creature abused and despised all

thy Goodneſs to him, and while he thought in his own time and way, to advance his Condition above what thou hadſt bountifully made it, he has wofully Impair'd it. By our Sin we have defaced thine Image within us, which was the greateſt glory of our Nature, and thereby have put all our Faculties into a miſerable Confuſion, and are become even a Burden and Plague to our ſelves. And our guilty and Wicked Minds are ſo eſtranged from thee, and poſſeſt with ſuch Enmity againſt Thee, that thy Excellent Nature and Perfections, which render thee our chiefeſt good and our only Happineſs, are become a diſtaſt and terrour to us. We have pull'd upon our ſelves by Sin that wretched death and diſſolution of our Bodies to which thy juſt diſpleaſure has now condemn'd us all: We ſpend our days in Vanity and Sorrow, and in a Moment go down to the Grave. Man that is born of a Woman is but of few days, and they are full of trouble: He cometh forth like a feeble Flower, and is ſoon and eaſily withered or cut down: He fleeth as doth a ſhadow and continueth not. We muſt acknowledge O Lord, thou art moſt juſt and righteous in condemning theſe our Bodies to a miſerable diſſolution, for the gratification of which we fool-

foolishly rebell'd against our Maker; and which we are so apt to gratifie, and Indulge in defiance of thy Laws, and in the neglect and contempt of those better things which our Souls are made capable, and were intended to Enjoy. We deserve too, as we must needs own, not only thy Natural Death but an Eternal one, which as it is threatned by thy displeasure, is also in Justice due to our Sins. We deserve to be ever Separated from thy Presence which we have so little car'd for; to be for ever depriv'd of the Happines of thy Love which we have wilfully lost, and forfeited and despised: to bear the everlasting terrours and burden of thy Wrath we have needlesly and carelesly provok'd against our selves. Lord how much does our Pride, our Malice and Envy, our Hypocrisy and Falshood, our Evil-speaking and Slandering, our Disobedience and Contention, deserve that we should be herded with the Devil and his Angels; those vile Spirits who abound in these Wickednesses, and whom alone we resemble when we entertain and practice them. How justly may our lawless and guilty mirth and pleasure have Eternal Sorrow the Punishment of it! And our wicked Covetousnes and pursuit of the things of this World, be afflicted with

the want of all things Comfortable! And how does our neglect of Salvation, and refusal to comply with the gentle and favourable terms of it, deserve that we be condemn'd to the terrible load of a bitter despair for ever. Oh what mischief have we done to our selves! how miserable are we become! O Lord we are asham'd; We humble and abase our selves before thee in a sense of our guilt: And we fly from thy Justice, to the Hope set before us in the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ. Thou Lord art gracious, thy mercy is everlasting; Oh forgive our Sins, and renew our deprav'd Natures, sanctifie us throughout in Body, Soul and Spirit, Receive us we pray thee, into thy Favour, and let thy Good Spirit hereafter direct us to avoid the ways of Perdition, and lead us in the Way to Everlasting Life, We believe O Lord, as thou hast taught us, and we do still expect, that we shall have an Everlasting duration after this Life, according to the Nature and Capacity of our Immortal Souls. That all who are in the Graves shall at the last day hear the Voice of the Son of God and come forth, they that have done good to the Resurrection of Life, and they that have done evil to the Resurection of Condemnation.

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For thou O righteous Judge of all the World, haſt appointed a day in which thou wilt Judge the world in Righteouſneſs by Jeſus Chriſt, who ſhall come again in the Glory of his Father, and all the Holy Angels with him, before him ſhall be gather'd all Nations, and he ſhall render to every Man according to what he hath done in the Fleſh, whether it be Good or Evil. Oh what manner of Perſons ought we to be in all holy Converſation and Godlineſs who are looking for ſuch things as theſe, and haſting to them. Make us O Lord, in the belief of theſe things to take heed to our ways, to examine and Judge our ſelves that we may not be condemned of the Lord, and to work out our own Salvation with fear and trembling. Confirm we pray thee in us, and encreaſe, our Faith of that exceeding Glory and Happineſs which thou haſt prepar'd for them that Love thee. Quicken our diligence in thy ſervice by the hopes of that reſt which remains for the people of God: Make us ſtedfaſt, unmoveable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord, as knowing that our Labour ſhall not be in vain in the Lord. Support our Patience in bearing the Croſs after our Maſter Jeſus, by the Aſſurance that theſe light Afflictions which

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are but for a moment, ſhall work for us far more exceeding and Eternal weight of Glory. Encourage us to all neceſſary ſelf denials with the hopes of that full Satisfaction, and thoſe Pleaſures and Joys which are in thy preſence for ever. And having theſe hopes let us purifie our ſelves as thou art pure, and follow after Holineſs, without which no Man can ſee God: And grant us we pray thee, the Grace to perſevere in all good and holy living to the end of our days. That ſo when Chriſt who is our Life ſhall appear, we alſo may appear with him in Glory: To whom with the Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, we aſcribe all Honour and Praiſe, and Thankſgiving, World without End. *Amen.*

Prayers to be added to the Former, according to the time of the Day.

For the Morning.

ALmighty Everlasting God! We thankfully acknowledge 'tis thy continued goodness which has preserv'd us hitherto, and kept us safely this last Night. And thy mercies renew'd upon us this morning engage us to love and serve thee. Grant we pray thee, that this day we fall into no Sin, nor run into any kind of danger. Prevent us in all our doings with thy Grace, and further us with thy continual help; That in all we may glorifie thy holy Name, and finally by thy Mercy obtain Everlasting Life, through the Merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Evening.

O Most merciful and gracious God! In thy Favour is Life, and thy loving-kindness

kindneſs is better than this Life. Lift up upon us we pray thee, the Light of thy Countenance. Let us lie down in peace with thee this Night by thy gracious forgiveneſs of all our Sins; and by thy protection let us enjoy a quiet and comfortable reſt; for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

Interceſſions to be added to the former Prayers, Commonly, both at Morning and Evening.

For the King and the Royal Family.

O Lord the great and univerſal Sovereign of the World, by whom Kings Reign, and Princes decree Equity: Who haſt taught us by thy holy Apoſtle, that Magiſtracy is thine Ordinance for Good to Mankind, and to make Prayers and Supplications for Kings, and all that are in Authority: We pray Thee, pour down thy Bleſſings abundantly upon thy Servant and our Sovereign Lord, King *William*. Grant him in all his Thoughts, Words and Works, ever to ſeek thy Honour and Glory. And ſo direct and proſper his Government, that under him we may

may lead quiet and peaceable Lives in all Godlineſs and Honeſty. Give him a long Life, and Health, and much Happineſs in his Government; and bleſs him with all Spiritual and Eternal Bleſſings. Continue we pray Thee, and Bleſs the Royal Family; endue it abundantly with the Divine Gifts of thy holy Spirit, and with all Noble Qualifications; that it may ever afford us a fit perſon to Reign over us, and to be the Bond of our Union; That Righteouſneſs and Peace may be maintain'd and abound among us, and our Strength may be ſupported and improv'd to thy Honour and Glory, and our Happineſs and Welfare, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt our only Mediatour and Advocate. *Amen.*

For the Clergy.

O Father of Lights, and giver of every good and perfect Gift! ſend down thy Holy Spirit we pray thee, abundantly upon the Clergy of thy Univerſal Church. Fill them with all knowledge of thy Truth, with zeal for thy Glory, and a great concern for the Salvation of Men. Make them a good Example to the Flock, in Faith and Love, in Heavenly-Mindedneſs, and Contempt

tempt of this World, and in all that which becomes the Goſpel: and diligent and faithful in the Adminiſtration of thy Sacred Ordinances: That through thy bleſſing upon their Endeavours, they may turn many to Righteouſneſs, and may ſave themſelves and thoſe who are committed to their Charge. Grant this O Lord, for the Honour of our Advocate, and Mediatour Jeſus Chriſt.

For all that live in Error or Wickedneſs.

O God of Truth, and Lover of our Souls! Look down we beſeech thee with Mercy and Compaſſion upon the wretched World, which lies in wickedneſs. Cauſe the light of thy Goſpel to run and be glorified, from the riſing of the Sun to the going down of the ſame. Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Heathens and Infidels: Let them know thee, and Jeſus Chriſt whom thou haſt ſent, whom to know is Life Eternal: That they may be turn'd from Darkneſs to Light and from the power of Satan unto God, and may receive remiſſion of their Sins, and Inheritance among thoſe who are ſanctified by Faith in Jeſus Chriſt. And grant we beſeech thee, that all who profeſs and call themſelves Chriſtians, may know and

and agree in the Truth of thy Holy Word, and live together in Unity and Godly Love: That they may depart from all Iniquity, and abound in all good Fruits of Holy and Vertuous living, to thy Honour and Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

For the Afflicted.

O Father of mercies and God of all Conſolation! Who doſt not afflict willingly, nor grieve the Children of Men. Look down we pray thee, with Pity and Compaſſion upon thoſe who are in any Affliction or Diſtreſs of Mind body or Eſtate. (Eſpecially, *&c. Here mention any you are particularly concern'd for.*) Thou knoweſt the frailty of our Nature; That we are but Duſt, and when thou rebukeſt Man for Sin, thou makeſt his Beauty to conſume away. Let not thy Hand therefore be heavy upon thy Creatures: But give them Strength to bear with Patience what thou art pleaſed they ſhall ſuffer, and let all redound to their Spiritual Advantage. Grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole Truſt and Confidence in Thee, and finally ſee a happy Iſſue of all our Afflictions, and of this

miſerable Life, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

The Lords Prayer, to be conſtantly uſed with the reſt.

OUr Father which art in Heaven: Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our Treſpaſſes as we forgive them that Treſpaſs againſt us; Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from Evil; for thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, for ever, and ever. *Amen.*

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